



Delivering our Vision for the Kimberley

The Cook Labor Government is delivering its vision for the Kimberley.

The 2025–26 Budget will see billions of dollars invested in our regions, driving economic growth, diversifying regional economies, and creating jobs for our future generations.

This funding investment is supporting the Cook Government's priorities in jobs, health and housing. It is a commitment to Western Australians – that no matter if they live in our suburbs, regional centres, towns, or remote communities – they will have local job opportunities, and access to major services and infrastructure.

The Budget will keep costs down for WA families with funding to roll out the second wave of the WA Student Assistance Payment putting hundreds of dollars into the pockets of families of school-aged children, and household fees and charges kept affordable, with below inflation increases for a sixth consecutive year.

More than \$4 billion in Royalties for Regions funding will also go towards projects which enhance regional communities, ensuring they remain exceptional places to live, work and raise a family.

Made in WA

- \$20 million to expand the **Aboriginal Ranger Program**.
- \$14 million for infrastructure upgrades at the **Port of Wyndham** to enable First Point of Entry status at the port, facilitating economic diversification projects in the East Kimberley.
- \$500,000 for the development of a business case to plan for **new cruise passenger facilities** at the Port of Broome.
- \$500,000 towards the **Janyba Centre for Culture, Story and Arts** in Broome that will include an exhibition facility for tourists to showcase Kimberley culture and art, provide opportunities for local artists, promote understanding of Kimberley history and facilitate reconciliation.
- \$50 million **Battery Manufacturing Program** to support local businesses to make household batteries here in WA.

Supporting WA Families

- \$88.7 million in cost of living relief to families for school expenses, including \$250 for every secondary student and \$150 for every primary and kindergarten student, through the second round of the **Western Australian Student Assistance Payment**.
- \$25.7 million to deliver a further \$100 increase to the **Regional Pensioner Travel Card**, bringing the total card value to \$775 per year.

- \$8 million for the **Country Week Assistance Program**, reducing travel and accommodation costs for families.
- \$337 million towards the **WA Residential Battery Scheme**, which combined with the Commonwealth scheme, provides Horizon Power customers with up to \$7,500 towards the cost of a household battery, plus households with incomes of less than \$210,000 per annum can access no-interest loans of up to \$10,000.
- \$3.5 billion over the next four years to keep **regional water and power prices** in line with metropolitan prices.

Plus we are continuing to deliver:

- The **Regional Airfare Zone Cap Scheme** that caps airfares at \$299 one way for regional residents living more than 1,000 kms driving distance from Perth, including Kununurra and Broome to Perth.

Ensuring Everyone Has a Home

- \$5 million to the **Water Lily Place Affordable Housing Project in Kununurra**, which will deliver affordable one and two-bedroom homes, catering to key workers.
- \$5.3 million through the **Housing Enabling Infrastructure Fund** for wastewater infrastructure to deliver more residential lots in Kununurra.
- \$25 million over four years for the **Regional Housing Support Fund** which will provide grants of up to \$5 million to support new housing and land supply across regional WA, supporting regional subdivision and key worker and community housing projects.
- \$103.8 million to double the **Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH)** construction program with over 100 new builds, plus land acquisition, across regional WA to support key government workers such as police and teachers.
- \$13.7 million to **support housing** for Water Corporation employees in the regions, including in Broome.
- Delivering through Keystart, a **new low-deposit modular home loan** product to assist more people, particularly in regional WA, to purchase a modular home.

Plus we are continuing to deliver:

- Increased **stamp duty** threshold for first homebuyers to \$500,000, with discounted rates applied to homes valued up to \$750,000 in regional WA.

Becoming the Healthiest State in the Nation

- \$8.8 million towards the construction of the **Derby Wellness Centre**.
- \$2 million towards planning and engagement with service providers to establish a **Broome Withdrawal Service**.
- \$3.4 million to **Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services** to manage remote clinic services on the Dampier Peninsula.
- \$829,000 towards the **Broome Sobering Up Centre**.
- \$18.5 million to increase the **Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS)** fuel subsidy from 26c per kilometre to 40c per kilometre.

- \$12.2 million towards the **Virtual Infant Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service Hub**, providing specialist mental healthcare for children and young people via telehealth.
- \$8.2 million to establish **GP ASK** to connect WA GP's to dedicated and experienced specialists without the need for patients to travel to a hospital.

Plus we are continuing to deliver:

- \$8.7 million to **expand the dialysis unit in Fitzroy Crossing** from 4 to 8 chairs, doubling its capacity.

Growing a Skilled Workforce

- \$8 million for infrastructure **upgrades at remote schools** across the Kimberley.
- \$30.3 million for the **School of Isolated and Distance Education** to support more students learning in regional Western Australia.
- \$29 million to introduce **free full-time, school-based kindy** with a trial of 10 pilot locations across the State, including regional WA.
- \$15 million to boost **Before and After School Care** in schools.
- \$28 million to expand the **School Breakfast Program** to provide free breakfasts five days a week at more than 650 schools, including in the Kimberley.
- \$10 million to establish a program to boost capacity in **public school canteens** through grants for canteen staff, equipment and minor facility upgrades.
- \$8.6 million to **expand fee-free TAFE in the regions** with an additional seven construction courses fee-free from 2026.
- \$100 million to **keep TAFE course fees unchanged** in 2026.
- \$11.6 million for another round of the **TAFE Modern Equipment program** to upgrade TAFE equipment across regional WA.

Plus we are continuing to deliver:

- \$4.4 million for upgrades to **Broome Senior High School**.

Providing the Infrastructure our Community Needs

- \$1.5 million for a new permanent barge landing at the **Port of Derby**.
- \$250 million to expand the **Regional Road Safety program** to include local government roads, delivering road safety treatments including sealing of road shoulders and the installation of audible lines, making more regional roads safer.

Building Safer and Stronger Communities

- \$5.9 million to establish the **Kununurra Night Space** to provide a safe space for street present young people in town.
- \$1 million to PCYC to deliver **youth diversion programs** in Broome.
- \$2.3 million for **additional CCTV** across the State to help combat anti-social behaviour including additional cameras in Broome, Derby, Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek and Kununurra.
- \$15.6 million to redevelop accommodation at the WA Police Academy to provide free residential accommodation for **regional police recruits** during the six-month training period, with the option for them to be placed in their home policing districts for the first four to six years of their careers.
- \$11.5 million to **expand the Safe at Home program** that supports victim-survivors of family and domestic violence to stay in their homes, including expanding the service to Broome.
- \$3 million to continue an uplift in baseline funding to **financial counselling services** across the State, including services in Broome, Kununurra, Fitzroy Crossing, Derby and Halls Creek.
- \$10 million towards the construction of the **Fitzroy Crossing evacuation centre** and multipurpose complex, to act as an evacuation centre as well as provide a space for sport and recreation and other community activities.
- \$3.5 million for expansion of the **Community Emergency Services Manager** program with six new positions across regional WA, to help local governments deliver emergency management services.
- \$3.1 million towards a new **State Bushfire Mitigation Branch** to undertake mitigation works on Unallocated Crown Land and Unmanaged Reserves.

Plus we are continuing to deliver:

- \$13.4 million for the new **WA Police Kimberley District Support Facility** in Broome.

Growing Regional Sport and Communities

- \$93 million for the first tranche of funding to upgrade sport and recreation facilities across the State including:
 - \$4 million towards a new **playground and waterpark** in Halls Creek.
- \$3 million to **Marra Worra Worra Night Place** in Fitzroy Crossing for the development of a Youth Hub, including the construction of a basketball court and facilities upgrades.
- \$25.2 million to the **Regional Racing Fund** to upgrade infrastructure at regional racing clubs across the State including:
 - \$2.6 million for upgrades at **Broome Turf Club**.
 - \$45,000 for upgrades at **Kununurra Race Club**.
- \$6 million to establish the **Boosting Women and Girls Participation in Sport** fund to encourage women and girls to get involved in community sport.
- \$4 million to establish the **Veterans Facilities fund** to help RSL and veterans organisations upgrade their local facilities and RSL clubs.